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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

CHAUTAQUA

Chautauqua is in Marlinton this week for its annual visit. Large crowds are attending and the programs are very fine. Each afternoon there is a lecture and music and at night there is music and a speech. Thursday night will be the play, "Turn to the Right," and on Friday afternoon Junior Chautauqua will give a pageant. More children than ever before are in Junior Chautauqua.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in placing sufficient tickets, about \$1300 worth, for the guarantors to come clear. The increased cost of the tickets and the many other diversions and general conditions made the ticket sales to drag.

The big tent is spread on the high school grounds, a fine grassy place on Knappa Creek; each night the full moon over all, the sweet music of the players and the singers, the eloquence of the speakers—a most charming place to spend the evening.

REVIVAL MEETING

The revival services begin in the Huntersville Presbyterian church Thursday, Sept. 7th. A telegram to this effect has been received from Evangelist Fowle; but it came too late to correct the dates as they appeared in the announcement of the meeting which was made in the Pocahontas Times last week.

Beginning Thursday night of this week there will be preaching every night at 8:00 o'clock thru Sunday Sept. 17th. Everybody within automobile reach of Huntersville is cordially invited to attend these services. Gospel messages in song and sermon will greet you.

W. C. N.

Mrs. A. C. Echard and Mrs. A. E. Thomas received word on Friday that their father, Dr. Walter Garth, of Greenfield, Nelson county, Virginia, had died suddenly on Thursday August 31st. No particulars were given. Dr. Garth was 87 years old. He served as a Confederate soldier during the war. He was well known in Marlinton, where he often came to visit his daughters.

Albert Lee Simmons and Miss Laura Roxella McCord, both of this county, were married at the Methodist parsonage at noon Wednesday, September 6, 1922. Rev. F. B. Wyand officiating minister. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will make their home at Raywood.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mt. Zion church in the hills on Saturday night, September 9th for the benefit of the church.

Rev. S. R. Neel, of Alderson, will be present at the laying of the corner stone of the new Methodist church on Thursday afternoon and will deliver an address.

Mr. J. H. Sydenstricker having sold his farm near Wolf Creek to Mr. W. W. Baker, will have a sale of his personal property on Sept. 15 and will move to Alderson.—Monroe Watchman.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cochran, at Campbelltown, September 1, 1922, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller, Buckeye, September 4, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baxter, a daughter, Thursday, August 31, 1922.

ASA RYDER KILLED

Asa Ryder, aged about 20 years, met his death at Beard, on Monday, September 4, 1922.

On Sunday night, the store of Alex Stuart, at Horrock, was broken open and among other things taken was a lot of ginseng. On Monday morning, Mr. Stuart telephoned to the store of Moore & Poague, at Beard, to be on the look out for any one offering ginseng for sale. Captain W. T. Poague answered that he had just bought some ginseng from a young man. Mr. Stuart asked that the ginseng seller be detained. Caught the up train and was at Beard in a few minutes. As he came into the store, the young man made a break for the door, across the railroad track, and into Greenbrier river. He was called upon to stop, but went on. Mr. Stuart had a shot gun and Captain Poague had a 22 rifle. Both shot in the direction of the fugitive. He was seen to fall in water that was over his knees in depth. When brought to shore he was dead.

Prosecuting Attorney Allan P. Edgar was notified, and held an inquest. The body was identified as that of Asa Ryder, an escaped convict. Justice LaRue presided, the jurors were G. C. Beard, R. M. Beard, Austin May, D. M. Callison, Frank Kidd and G. W. Clark. The verdict was that Asa Ryder had come to his death by a gunshot wound at the hand of W. T. Poague or Alex Stuart. Asa Ryder was the son of Elmer Ryder. His mother was a Doyle. Both parents are living, but have been divorced. Last week he escaped from a road camp, having been sentenced to the penitentiary from the Pocahontas circuit court at the 1922 April session, for stealing J. N. White's automobile at the Marlinton 1921 Chautauqua.

Jim Astin, another convict, escaped at the same time. Astin's home is in Marlinton, and he was serving a term for burglary.

Young Ryder's body was buried at Mt. View Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

The law makes it the duty of every person to apprehend and return any fugitive from the pen, and to this end seems to clothe a private person with all the powers of an officer.

A reward of \$50.00 was offered for his apprehension.

CORNER STONES

The corner stone of the new Methodist church will be laid by the State Grand Lodge of Masons on Thursday, at 2:30 o'clock. The address will be by Samuel T. Spears, Grand Master.

On Friday morning at 11 o'clock the cornerstone of the new school house at Hillsboro will be laid by the State Lodge. Dinner on the ground.

Married, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Margaret Baxter, Miss Edith Baxter and Charles Knox, of Charleston, Wednesday, September 6, 1922. Rev. H. H. Orr officiating minister.

Clyde Gabbert, who makes his home at Dave Loudermilk's on Spruce Flat, severely injured his leg by striking against a sharp snag while driving cattle in the hacking. A gash was cut about six inches in length, requiring several stitches.

Rev. L. P. Groves, who was born and reared at Union and has for several years been engaged in evangelistic work at Alderson, White Sulphur, Beckley and other places, has accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church in South Charleston.—Monroe Waechman.

WILLIAM GIBSON

William Gibson died at the home of W. A. Eskridge, Marlinton, West Virginia, August 23rd, 1922. He was born in Harrison county, January 7th, 1865 and was the son of the late Samuel L. Gibson, of Frost, this county where the greater part of his life was spent on the farm. After leaving the farm he became identified in public life and served his county first in the office as constable, then four years as Assessor, and by his capable and faithful service rose to the highest office in the county, that of Sheriff for four years. He was a capable and safe official and during the time of his public life he scrupulously endeavored to execute the oath of his office with partiality toward none and with justice toward all. He was a man of more than ordinary character and was loved and held in highest esteem by his many friends in Pocahontas and adjoining counties.

He had been in failing health for a number of years and notwithstanding the fact that he had received treatment from the University Hospital of Charlottesville, Va. and Fort Wayne, Indiana, and other specialists, he came home and continued his treatment with his home physician, Dr. J. W. Price. While his suffering was intense at times, his final breakdown came about eighteen days prior to his death. He was thoroughly conscious of his condition, and was perfectly resigned to the Master's will, having made his peace with God and before his death stated to his friends and loved ones that he was prepared for the journey on which he must go and urged them to be in readiness when their time came.

His remains were laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery. The Masons had charge of the funeral services which were conducted from the Methodist Church by Rev. Palmer Eubank assisted by Rev. Harvey H. Orr and Rev. F. B. Wyand.

He leaves to mourn his loss two brothers and three sisters, Samuel G., and Miss Linnie Gibson of Kendallville, Ind., and Sherman and Miss Bertie Gibson, of Frost and Mrs. J. W. Siple, of Hillsboro. A friend

EDRAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Will open Monday morning, September 11th, at nine o'clock. All students will assemble in the auditorium at that time.

Some of the high school texts will be changed this year. High school pupils, therefore, are advised not to purchase their books before the 11th. Each pupil will receive a list of the books he is to use at that time.

All who are planning to attend high school this year are urged to enroll as soon after the opening of school as possible. The first days of school are among the most important of the whole year, and those who enter two or three weeks late are at a great disadvantage.

The following high school teachers have been appointed for the present school year:

A. G. Killingsworth, Manual Training & Science.
A. F. Talbot, English.
Mary Gail Tyree, History & Languages.
Isabel Kimmel, Home Economics.
Dorothy Guy Echols, Teacher Training.
Lucille Holt, Commercial.
Helen Bower, Music & Art.
A teachers' meeting will be held in the high school building on Saturday afternoon of this week, at two o'clock. All the above named teachers are urged to be present.
C. J. Ramsey, Principal.

The I. Rosen store was sold at a receiver's auction sale last Saturday to George Rosen for the sum of \$2,805 cash.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Huntersville charge of the M. P. church will be held at Douthards Creek Saturday September 16th, at 2:30 p. m. O. P. McNeill, Pastor.

The Marlinton Sunday schools did a little better in the way of attendance Sunday morning. The Methodists had 189, an increase of 49 over the Sunday before. The Presbyterians listed 170 an increase of 53.

NOTICE

The Arbovale Mill will start grinding Friday September 8th. There will be an expert miller in charge, and satisfaction guaranteed. Wheat will be stored free of charge. Jackson McFarland, expert miller. ARBOVALE MILLING CO. Arbovale, W. Va.

Notice

This is to give notice that my wife Susan Virginia Gabbert, has left my home without cause and I will no longer be responsible for any debt she may contract.

This 5th day of September, 1922. James W. Gabbert, Spring Creek, W. Va.

NOTICE

If the party who took my umbrella from a back seat in the Auditorium Institute week will leave it at Mr. P. C. Curry's store no questions will be asked. The umbrella is black with white top, white tips and white handle with black ring. The end of handle has black and white stripes. Rella F. Yeager

SINGING

There will be singing at Warwick Chapel next Sunday, September 9, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. Leaders and lovers of music are invited.

LEWIS SIMMONS

The venerable Lewis Simmons died at the home of his son, Floyd Simmons, near Highlow, Virginia, on Sunday morning, September 3, 1922. He was in his 77th year having been born September 10, 1845. For some months he has been suffering with some kind of stomach trouble.

On Monday his body was brought to Marlinton; laid beside the grave of his wife who died eight years since. Mr. Simmons was a native of Pendleton county. During the Civil War he served as a Confederate Soldier in the 64th Virginia Infantry. He was an honest, industrious man, a farmer by occupation. He raised a large family, eight of whom survive their parents. The daughters are Mrs. Odie Campbell, of Staunton, Miss Fannie Simmons and Mrs. S. B. Yeager, of Marlinton, Mrs. Forrest B. Bennett, of White Sulphur. The sons are Floyd, Pierce and Kenton Simmons, of Highland county, and L. O. Simmons, of The Pocahontas Times office. Two sons, Robert Lee, Lewis, and a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, preceded their father to the grave.

Mr. Simmons was a professing Christian and for many years a member of the Methodist Church. "Soldier of Christ, well done, enter thy Masters Joy."

THE ELEVENTH HOUR

ANNA L. PRICE

The eleventh hour will surely come. It may be now doth sound, And the owner of the vineyard here. To oversee his ground.

The eleventh hour! and not at work! Oh, why are ye idle all day? Go ye also forth to my vineyard. And you shall receive your pay.

Some have toiled there since early morn, The heat and burden through; My vintage must be gathered in, And there is work for you.

Many alas! of this faithful have ceased. From their labors and their cares: The harvest for them is ended, The joy of the Lord is theirs.

It is well when the Master calleth His weary ones to rest, And the willing hands are folded Upon the quiet breast.

But ye who are young at the seventh hour, Oh, dearly beloved, come in, Join the Captain of your salvation, Against the monster sin.

Remember in your days of youth The word that God hath sealed,— Go work this hour in my vineyard, And the whole world is the field.

The eleventh hour! high time for work, While yet it is called today; Souls won for the Kingdom of Glory, And that shall be your pay. August, 1922.

PICNIC

The Social Service Committee of the Marlinton Methodist Church has arranged for a picnic for the Church and Sunday School to be held at the Pocahontas County Fair Grounds from 1.30 to 9 o'clock Thursday afternoon September 14, 1922.

A suitable program for the occasion has been arranged, and each family, as is the usual custom is expected to take a basket of provision sufficient for itself and a some visitors. It is hoped that all interested will do all that they can to make the picnic a success.

Those wishing to attend will have free automobile transportation to the grounds by being at the Methodist church about 1:30 o'clock on day of picnic.

All persons who can furnish conveniences will please report to Ira D. Brill or Albert Moore, who have charge of that part of the program.—Social Service Committee, Marlinton Methodist Church.

Hinton, W. Va., Sept. 4, 1922.—The Democratic State Executive Committee, both men and women members, is hereby called to meet at Parkersburg, on Saturday, September 9th, 1922, at 1 o'clock p. m. in the Chancellor Hotel for the purpose of perfecting plans for a united campaign and doing such other things as will make more certain a complete victory in the fall election. All candidates and others interested in the party welfare are urged to attend. R. F. Dunlap, Chairman, Mrs. J. R. Mooreland, Associate Chairman.

As a token of their appreciation of the efforts of Hon. G. D. McNeill, retiring county superintendent of schools, the teachers in Institute assembled last week gave Mr. McNeill a present of \$80 in cash with which to purchase books.

MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Religion & Power
7 p. m. Christian Endeavor
7:45 p. m. "Be Strong"

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. F. B. Wyand, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45, prompt
A. S. Overholt, Superintendent.
11 a. m. Sermon subject, "What I have Written I have Written."
7:15 p. m. Epworth League
8 p. m. Sermon subject "The Old Gray Mare and the Self Starter."
This is Missionary Day in the Sunday School.

THE WHIPPOORWILL

Having the local reputation of being an authority on any given subject is not what it is cracked up to be.

One is asked to decide all kinds of questions such as law, politics, religion, psychology, even to being a referee in a discussion on the coal and rail road strike.

Some of my friends have wished the job of local ornithologist upon my shoulders, and now Brother Andy Price has put it up to me to decide when a whippoorwill is not a whippoorwill.

When I was a small boy, probably ten or eleven years old I had an immense appetite for work, have long since lost it, and my father bought me a small pole ax. I was about as proud of that ax as a sweet sixteen year old girl is of her first beau.

I immediately began a clearing directly in front of the old home in the edge of the woods, and by persistent effort for four or five years, partly cleared probably a quarter of an acre, which has long since returned to its former woodland condition.

One summer day in rambling around near my clearing I flushed a reddish brown striped bird which flew a few yards and perched upon a low branch of a tree. As I came so near stepping upon the bird, I naturally looked down to see where it came from. I noticed there was an egg lying on the dry leaves where the bird had been—there was no trace of a nest. So when I returned to the house I told of my discovery and my Grand father said it was a whippoorwill and that they did not build a nest, but laid their eggs on the leaves and would roll them some little distance every day.

Even then I loved the little birds as I called them to distinguish them from the larger, crows, hawks, etc.

I made it an almost daily task to find that birds nest as I called it, and the mother bird seemed to have no fear of me, as I well remember of catching her one day, and keeping her in my hands for some time, when I released her she flew a few yards and took up her usual flat position on a limb of a small tree.

On my second visit I found two eggs, and they were moved a little every day, always in the general direction away from the cleared land, and by the time the eggs hatched they had been rolled quite a hundred yards.

The young—pretty little things? A hop toad has it on them for beauty—they were downy little things, seemingly all mouth and always hungry. In a short while however they were full feathered and I saw them no more.

I have never seen a whippoorwill in daylight except when I accidentally ran over one where it was sitting on the leaves, apparently asleep until disturbed when it would fly a short distance and sit flat on a low limb, where I have been able to catch two, I believe.

The following classification relates to the order as a whole. There are three families, viz—Goat suckers, Swifts and Humming birds belonging to this order—27 species and 6 subspecies.

Whippoorwill
Class Aves
Order Macrochires
Family Caprimulgidae
Genus Caprimulgus
Species Antrostomus Vociferus.

The whippoorwill is about 9 3/4 inches in length—many month bristles.

Male—Three outer tail feathers broadly tipped with white, small white throat stripe, chin chiefly black—no white in wings.

Female—Without white in tail. Tail rounded.

Notes—A rapid, vigorous, whistled whippoorwill repeated many times. Whippoorwills are birds of the night, and never fly by day except when disturbed.

Nest—None. Two grayish or creamy white eggs laid in June on the leaves in the woods usually in dense thickets not far from cleared land.

Range—U. S. East of the plains: breeding from the Gulf of Mexico to Manitoba and New Brunswick. Winters south of U. S.

Whippoorwills and their allied species are known as goat suckers as it was formerly believed they lived on goats milk extracted in the usual way.

There are many more whippoorwills than we would believe, as they are birds of the night and are seldom seen.

Night Hawks

Class Aves
Order Macrochires
Family Caprimulgidae
Genus Caprimulgus
Species Chordeiles Virginianus

The night hawk is a first cousin to the whippoorwill and is about 10 inches in length with a wing spread of about 15 inches which would proclaim him something of an air specialist.

Primaries blackish with a white bar that is very conspicuous when on the wing. Throat white, white band across tail near the end. Above black with white and buff markings—much darker than his cousin, the whippoorwill, tail slightly forked. No mouth bristles.

Notes—A nasal "peent" uttered on the wing. A booming sound produced by the wings, sometimes when diving from a height earthward.

Night Hawk
Nest—None, the two mottled gray and white eggs being laid on bare rocks, usually in pasture fields, on the bare ground, or on gravel roofs

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THE FLAVOR LASTS



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in cities or towns sometimes. Range—United States east of the plains, breeding from Florida to Labrador; winters south of the U. S.

Belonging to this same order are the swifts and hummingbirds. Swifts—Family, Micropodidae are birds of world-wide distribution; about half the seventy-five known species being found in America.

These are birds of the air and seldom light, and when they do, they usually cling to a vertical surface and use their tail to aid their feet in supporting themselves.

Notes—A characteristic twitter. Humming Bird

Family—Mochilidae. Humming birds are found only in America, where they range from Patagonia to Alaska, but the larger part of the some five hundred known species are found in the Andean Region of Columbia and Ecuador in South America. Only one species, the Ruby Throated, is found east of the Mississippi River.

The birds of this Order as a whole are probably more beneficial to the farmer and orchardist than those of any other order, as they are all insect catchers, and insects make up most all of their food.

O. Hunter Kee.

Mr. Thomas Lee Beard, of Hillsboro, Pocahontas county and Miss Mary Hamilton Kincaid, of Frankfort, this county, were united in marriage at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. F. P. Sydenstricker, in Roncoveer, on Monday, August 21, 1922. Miss Kincaid is the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Jas. B. Kincaid, and is one Greenbrier's most intelligent and charming young ladies, and was for a number of years engaged in teaching in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties, in which profession she stood in the front rank. The groom is one of the substantial citizens of his county. This couple has the hearty congratulations of a large circle of kindred and friends, who wish for them a long, happy and prosperous married life.—W. Va. News.

Miss Bettie Clay Sharp has accepted a position as stenographer with a coal company at Carbon, W. Va.

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CIRCUIT COURT

Court convened in a special grand jury session on Tuesday. Lee Moore, of Millpoint, is foreman of the grand jury. It is expected that the jury will finish its labors tonight, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Curry and son Milburn, of Hillsboro, W. Va., accompanied by Mrs. Curry's sister, Mrs. T. L. Chestnut, of Mt. Grove, were in Monterey Thursday.—Highland Recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barlow and little daughter, of Huntersville, W. Va., spent Wednesday in Monterey, returning home in the evening.—Highland Recorder.

Our friend John N. Adkison showed us a seng root that weighed three ounces, and had three separate and distinct stalks—two four prongs and a three prong. The root also was peculiar in that it consisted of two roots, joined together by a "burl" or neck. Old seng diggers say that while once and occasionally they find seng plants with two stalks, a three stalk root is a thing unknown to them.

The Marlinton Graded Schools will open on Monday morning, September 18th, at nine o'clock.

Buy a Cider Mill

and convert those apples that are going to waste into cider vinegar for home use and for sale. There is always a demand at such a price that a few barrels of vinegar will pay for a cider mill.

Apple Butter

made from cider jelly in the kind of copper kettles that I sell is the incomparable kind.

C. J. Richardson

Marlinton, W. Va.